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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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INFO AMCONSUL BIEN HOA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 10950

1. BESIDE THE FOUR LISTS OF UPPER HOUSE CANDIDATES ACCEPTED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FOR POSTING JUNE 17 ( REPORTED SEPTEL), TWO OTHERS WERE SUBMITTED BUT REJECTED. ONE WAS PRESENTED BY MR LUU QUANG HONG, A WRITER AND JOURNALIST WHO WAS REJECTED IN 1967 AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIALS, IT CONTAINED NO NAME BUT HIS OWN AND WAS THEREFORE FAR FROM MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS. THE OTHER LIST, NAMED " DOVE OF PEACE", VOLUNTARILY WITHDREW A FEW HOURS AFTER SUBMISSION BECAUSE A FEW SLATE MEMBERS WITHHELD CONFIRMATION OF THEIR NAMES. INTERESTINGLY, PRO- THIEU SENATOR LE VAN DONG WAS APPARENTLY INVOLVED IN PUTTING TOGETHER THIS SLATE. ( DONG IS A CANDIDATE ON THE " DEMOCRACY " TICKET.) HE TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER JUNE 18 THAT HE REGRETTED THE SLATE' S WITHDRAWAL, GIVING THE REASON AS A LAST- MINUTE CHANGE OF HEART BY SOME SENATORS, WHO DECIDED NOT TO RUN ON THE TICKET.

2. WHILE IT LASTED, THE " DOVE OF PEACE" SLATE WAS AN ODD LOT. THE BEST KNOWN PERSONALITIES WERE FOUR INCUMBENT SENATORS OF SOMEWHAT MAVERICK POLITICAL INCLINATIONS. THE SLATE' S LEADER, MR NGUYEN BINH TUYEN, IS REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE AN  
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QUANG BUDDHISTS. EMBASSY BIOGRAPHIC FILES INDICATE THAT HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE POLICE IN 1958 AND CHARGED WITH ASSOCIATING WITH THE COMMUNISTS, AND THAT HE WAS ARRESTED AGAIN 1969 IN A MAJOR EXPIONAGE AFFAIR. THERE IS NO RECORD OF HIS EVER BEING TRIED.

3. LISTED BELOW ARE THE NAMES APPEARING ON THE " DOVE OF PEACE" SLATE, WITH AVAILABLE BIO MATERIAL ADDED. THOUGH ONLY 18 NAMES WERE SUPPLIED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SLATE WAS AT ONE TIME COMPLETE.

1. NGUYEN BINH TUYEN ( SLATE LEADER, SEE ABOVE).
2. NGUYEN CAO THANG.
3. CAO TICH SON.
4. NGUYEN VAN THUC ( VNQDD/ THONG NHUT BACKGROUND).
5. NGUYEN THI TRANG.
6. PHAM NGOC TAN.
7. LE TRONG KIM ( POSSIBLY VNQDD BACKGROUND)
8. NGUYEN THI HIEN ( CANDIDATE ON SLATE THAT WITHDREW FROM 1970 UPPER HOUSE ELECTION)
9. LE THI MY LINH.
10. Y THIME BAN BUON XUNG.
11. NGUYEN MANH BAO ( INCUMBENT SENATOR; CAO DAI).
12. HOANG KIM QUY ( INCUMBENT SENATOR; CONSERVATIVE BUSINESSMAN).
13. HOANG THE PHIET ( INCUMBENT SENATOR).
14. MAI DUC THIEP ( INCUMBENT SENATOR; REVOLUNTIONARY DAI VIET BACKGROUND).
15. NGUYEN PHUNG TAN.
16. TRAN VAN HUNG.
17. TON THAT QUANG.
18. NGUYEN THANH PHUONG.

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